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SUBJECT: IMEPT FOR VENEZUELA - BROADER IMPLICATIONS OF ARMS  
RESTRAINT

REFS: A) CARACAS 4262; B) 76 STATE 283094; C) SERGEANT-  
FRECHETTE TELCON 5/12/78

1. IN ORDER TO MEET CONGRESSIONAL INTENT AS SPELLED OUT IN  
REF B, EMBASSY STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN  
TO BROADEN COURSES AT COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL AND ITS  
COUNTERPARTS TO INCLUDE THE DISCUSSION OF THEORY AND PRACTICE  
OF ARMS RESTRAINT WHICH VENEZUELAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN  
OFFICERS COULD ATTEND AS A REGULAR PART OF THEIR COURSE  
INSTRUCTION. SUCH COURSE MATERIAL WOULD HAVE A DIRECT BEAR-  
ING ON THE PERCEPTIONS THAT VENEZUELAN AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE  
CONCERNING THE NATURE OF ARMS CONTROL, AND PROVIDE THEM  
WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF REALISTIC LIMITS TO RESTRAINT  
INITIATIVES AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR GENUINE RE-  
GIONAL INTERCHANGE AND COOPERATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO COURSE MATERIALS AT THE COMMAND AND  
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE LEVEL, ETC., I THINK IT MIGHT ALSO  
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BE USEFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF A MORE SENIOR LEVEL COURSE FOR GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS  
AND SENIOR LATIN DIPLOMATS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE  
PROBLEMS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT, DRAWING ON THE  
EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY. SUCH A  
COURSE COULD BE SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE TWO DEPARTMENTS

AND POSSIBLY PLACED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF FSI, AND/OR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY FOR EXAMPLE.

3. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS INITIATED MAJOR NEW POLICIES TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD, LATIN AMERICA, AND IN THE AREA OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINTS. ON ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINTS, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON HOW TO MAKE OUR OWN EXPERTISE AVAILABLE TO LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICERS AS WELL AS MAINTAINING ACCESS TO AND INFLUENCE WITH THEM. I REALIZE THAT THERE ARE NO READY ANSWERS AND THAT PREPARATION OF COURSE MATERIALS ON ARMS RESTRAINT WILL TAKE SOME TIME. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, OFFERED TWO SUGGESTIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY WELL HAVE OTHERS IN MIND. IN ANY CASE, FOR ALL THESE REASONS, AS WELL AS THE SPECIFIC ONES ADDRESSED IN REF A I ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT GIVE RAPID AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO OUR REQUEST FOR \$100,000 IN IMETP FUNDS FOR FY 79.  
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